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**PATENT**  
**Serial No: 10/614,862**  
**Docket No: 29284-595**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventors : Yasuo Inoue, *et al.*  
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For : EXTERNAL STORAGE SUBSYSTEM  
Group : 2182  
Examiner : Alan Chen

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop - NonFee Amendment**  
Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: